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# The Messenger

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## Consultant Evaluates Engineering

by Sue Costello

An engineering division consultant from The University of the District of Columbia visited RWC on February 25. Dean of Physical Science Dr. Philip Brach was invited by Dean Schiavo to review a proposal for changes in the RWC Engineering Division slated to take place by September, 1987.

The proposal has been cleared up to the college council level and includes the dropping of Civil Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology. These two programs would be replaced by Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. The Electrical Engineering Technology program will be reviewed in two years, and at that time a decision will be made on retaining it.

"Brach was brought in because they (the college council) wanted an outside opinion on the wisdom of the change and the cost," according to Engineering Division Coordinator Joe Elmer. Elmer adds, "The primary issue under consideration was cost."

The consultant's report is not due until March 13 but Elmer has speculated on the conclusions. "Brach was not impressed by the proposal, the program, or the equipment," Elmer notes. "He had few positive comments."

## Gen. Ed — 1st Semester

by L. Clement

RWC's Faculty Administration accepted the General Education program after several years of turning it down.

When given a choice, about 30% of the Freshmen class preferred the General Education course instead of Distribution Requirements in 1986. In the fall of 1987, the new freshmen class will not have a choice between two systems. They will have General Education. Right now there are nine courses on the list, but more are being added for the 1987-88 schedule.

"People have found problems with the Distribution Requirements," said Dean Schiavo, "where the Bachelor Degree should have basic skills."

"General Education is understanding the culture, it's understanding literature in different content areas, and it's different ways of knowing the world," Dean Schiavo commented.

In one semester with General Education, the library

Brach's negative feelings towards a revitalized engineering division may not be limited to the RWC program. "Brach said he would issue a moratorium on any new engineering programs in the country, according to Elmer and Electrical Engineering Coordinator Rulph Chassaing." Brach's own university lost the accreditation of its engineering division.

The Electrical Engineering Division's faculty consists of physicists and an electrical engineer. Despite these facts, Brach was chosen by Dean Schiavo over two other possible consultants. The choice of an outside professional from a troubled engineering division has caused discontent among some RWC faculty.

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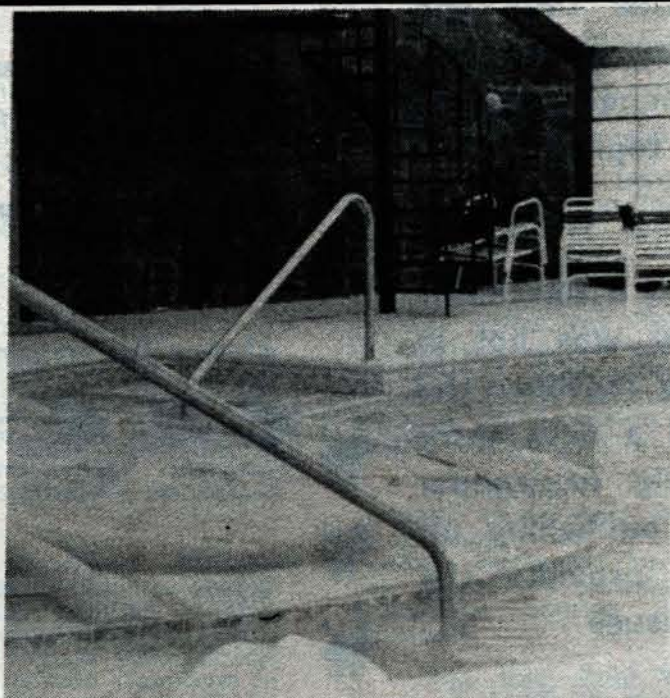
is being used more shown by increases in circulation and reference questions rising 12% and 19% respectively.

"I'm trying to create a problem with the library and students. To get the students more involved in their studies," said Dean Schiavo.

"The structure of the course is a skill's component, which contains reading, writing, speaking, and mathematics," said Loretta Shelton part of the Humanities Division, who teaches the General Education course, Vice and Virtue.

When a student's needs grow, more General Education courses will be offered at RWC. A total of nine courses must be taken. In time not one, but two, perhaps three teachers will be teaching one course.

"General Education will be better when more courses are added to the list," said one RWC freshman student.



Renovated Almeida Pool

## Pool Opens After Repairs

by Lance Clement

Almeida's pool was recently reopened for student use following the completion of repairs to the pool and hot tub.

"The pool is twenty years old and I'm hoping it remains in order," said Assistant Director of Student Life Wes Cable. "The company that sold us the pool wants nothing to do with it anymore."

"It was hard to find a new pool company last summer because other people already had their pools open," said Physical Plant Assistant Director Skip Learned.

"It's frustrating not to know what is going on with the pool," said Humanities secretary Madeline Carr. "It's been closed for repairs plenty of times, and the problems don't seem to be getting solved."

The problem of the recreation center pool started last fall before Learned took on the maintenance job.

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## Co-Op Directors To Attend Conference

by Mike Sisco

Co-op education has been highly praised as being one of the most effective in Computer Management & Information Systems in the country. On March 31, the directors of Co-op at RWC, Ken Osborne and Barbara Grota, are going to attend the 24th annual National Co-op Association convention in Los Angeles, to discuss computer setbacks with employers. This is the third time Co-op at RWC has been asked to attend.

This not only means that Co-op at RWC has been called to share its knowledge with other Co-op organizations around the country, but it also brings additional notoriety and programs back to the college.

Co-op is a program designed to give students a balance of academic training and practical work experience. Students attend classes and workshops, gain experience and possibly finances in a job related field. Co-op teaches students how to prepare a resume, as well as how to prepare for a job interview.

Co-op education originally started at RWC in 1963 as a business and management program. It was the first Co-op program in the state of Rhode Island. Since then Co-op has expanded to cover all majors.

Co-op was one of the first to tie its program into the Computer Management & Information System (MIS) and demonstrate the many uses of computers to other organizations. As Ken Osborne states, "Co-op has to keep pace with business ... we undertook that program for a major reason, we could see business gearing up for the use of computers. Now we're going to the conference to show these people the problems they might have with the systems."

## Fine Arts Deck — Coming Unglued

by Gary Daniele

The deck that surrounds the Fine Arts building is decaying and may collapse if not attended to, said Matt White, Director of the Physical Plant. The deck was built 17 years ago, and is made of wood that has rotted due to the salt water and age.

Starting in June the entire deck will be restored to its original condition. Also the exterior of the building will be painted. The builders will use treated wood that will last

about 30-40 years. White thought that during January they could restore the deck but a contractor was unavailable for service.

"There are safety problems and we have received no complaints about the deck," said White. Although teachers recognize the structure being unsound, no complaints have been filed.



# EDITORIAL

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### The Fate Of Apathy?

Most of you (the readers) are familiar with this space in the Messenger—there is usually an editorial here. In lieu of one of our usual campus-issue related editorials I want to take this time and space to talk about an issue nearer and dearer not only to the Messenger, but to the college in general. The topic at hand is the Messenger.

If you can all recall back a few short semesters ago the Messenger was not in existence. Regardless of the reasons, the paper rebounded and started a new entry in the annals of RWC student newspaper history. The paper started publishing on time, gained readership, and provided the college with insight into new issues.

Throughout this time the number of staff has decreased steadily, despite constant pleas. It is amazing to me that when so many students speak about the fact that apathy doesn't exist at RWC so many student run clubs, organizations, and activities are hurting for student involvement. Is not the mere existence of these things to provide students with the opportunity to benefit students?

One of the most frequently asked questions, about the Messenger is "How come you (the Messenger) don't cover..."

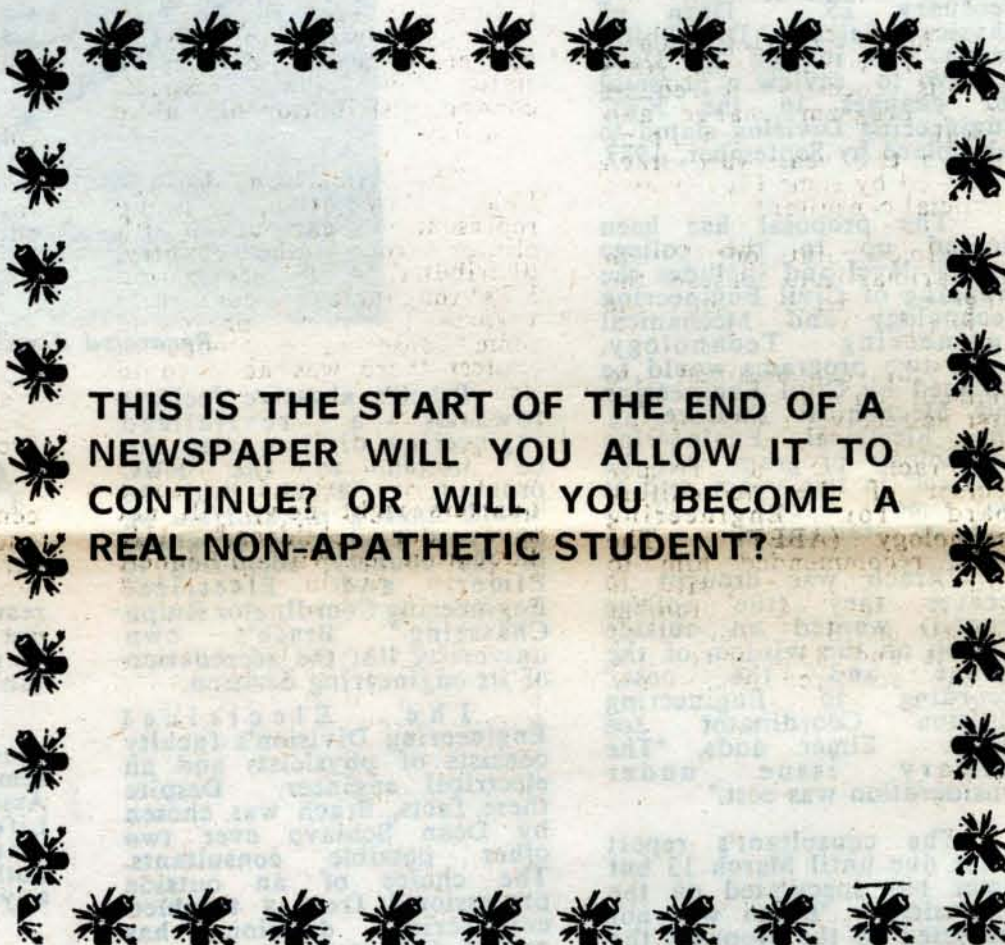
The answer to this is "Because we don't have the staff." Why don't we have the staff? Because so many of the "non-apathetic" students are so busy sitting around discussing the fact that there is no apathy.

With a number of approximately 6 volunteers the Messenger comes out each

and every other week. These volunteers put in anywhere from 12 to 30 hours a week to bring the college a paper. If any non-apathetic student were to join the Messenger then these volunteers might be able to write about a few more happenings around campus.

If however, students want to continue sitting around discussing how RWC doesn't have an apathy problem then the Messenger may not be around to cover the discussions.

Henry Alderman Co-Editor-in-Chief



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CONTINUE? OR WILL YOU BECOME A  
REAL NON-APATHETIC STUDENT?

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# NEWS

## ENGINEERING

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"The problem with the metamorphosis is the limited amount of faith in the Engineering faculty by the administration," Elmer states. "We have carefully thought out and written the proposal but our opinions are apparently considered to be of limited value," he adds.

The "our" refers to the proposal writers: Former Area Coordinator John Ziegert, Electrical Engineering Coordinator Rulph Chassaing, and Elmer.

The Engineering Division members are not positive about the current situation, according to Chassaing. "Morale is low at the division right now. The longer we wait the more dangerous it is for the program. In addition the division's faculty continues to be split over the decision."

The engineering faculty has been waiting two years for this process - the request for a program change and arrival of the consultant. After a two year wait Brach is viewed by some faculty as a financial consultant.

Elmer points out, "Brach came primarily to consider the budgetary aspects of the proposal."

Schiavo declined to comment on the issue until after he receives the report.

Brach is a former member of the Accrediting Board for Engineering Technology (ABET). The ABET recommended him to Schiavo. The University of the District of Columbia consists of 3745 full time students and 8335 part time students scattered over three campuses.

Charges flew, government agencies feuded and college students nationwide got all sorts of free prophylactics last week as "National Condom Week" unfolded.

While such weeks in years past have gone largely unnoticed, the panic about AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) this year made Condom Week--originally invented by prophylactic manufacturers and Planned Parenthood as a way to promote birth control--a cause celebre on many campuses.

The Gay-Lesbian Student Association at the University of Nebraska, for instance, had to get a court order to distribute free condoms on campus.

University of Minnesota officials decided that making students aware of AIDS danger is worth defying a state law that restricts condom distribution on public property.

The American College Health Association, a group representing campus health clinics around the country, distributed "AIDS Information Kits" that include a condom to various campuses, provoking some conservative groups to protest there was no need to demonstrate AIDS information so graphically.

"Condom mania, which is what I see around in some quarters right now, will not save our children," U.S. Education Sec. William Bennett said in Austin, Tex., last week.

Bennett and U.S. Surgeon General Everett Koop traded opinions all during the week. Koop generally favors discussing AIDS in sex education courses as early as third grade, while Bennett generally wants to direct the discussion of how to avoid AIDS more at encouraging "monogamous, mutually faithful relationships."

"AIDS," Bennett said in Texas, "is just one more compelling reason for discouraging sexual activity among children. To be fixated on condoms as the answer is a mistake."

Nevertheless, condoms as a tool to prevent AIDS was the focus on most campuses last week.

A Stanford student group distributed 500 condom samples in different colors, textures, and flavors as part of an AIDS Education Project.

Cal-Berkeley, Dartmouth, Rutgers and Maryland all approved passing out "Safe Sex" kits that included condoms. Tulane's program included putting condoms, vaginal jellies and "safe sex" literature in lunch bags emblazoned with the words "Condom Sense," says Deborah Blom of the American College Health Association.

A number of other colleges chose the week to announce they installed condom dispensers in campus rest rooms and omnibus AIDS education courses in the curricula.

The Rev. Fred Tondalo, head of AIDS Center One in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., publicly asked area hotels to distribute free condoms to students as they check in for their spring breaks.

Some student health centers began offering free, anonymous testing. Such services, says Scott Aguilar of Southern California, which now offers free AIDS tests, are necessary because the number of heterosexual and homosexual males contracting the AIDS virus will soon be equal.

While Aguilar says the medical community generally agrees that college students having sex only with other college students are in a relatively safe group, there is room for worry.

It may be only a matter of time before AIDS begins to spread in the college population, says Dr. Joy L. Greenway, of the U. of Arizona's student health service.

At the U. of Miami's Comprehensive AIDS program, Director Dick Iacino warns, "With unprotected intercourse -- vaginal or anal -- you're getting in to very high-risk areas. Know your partner or partners well, and adopt safer sex practices. The HIV virus

(that causes AIDS) does not cross barrier contraceptives, i.e. condoms."

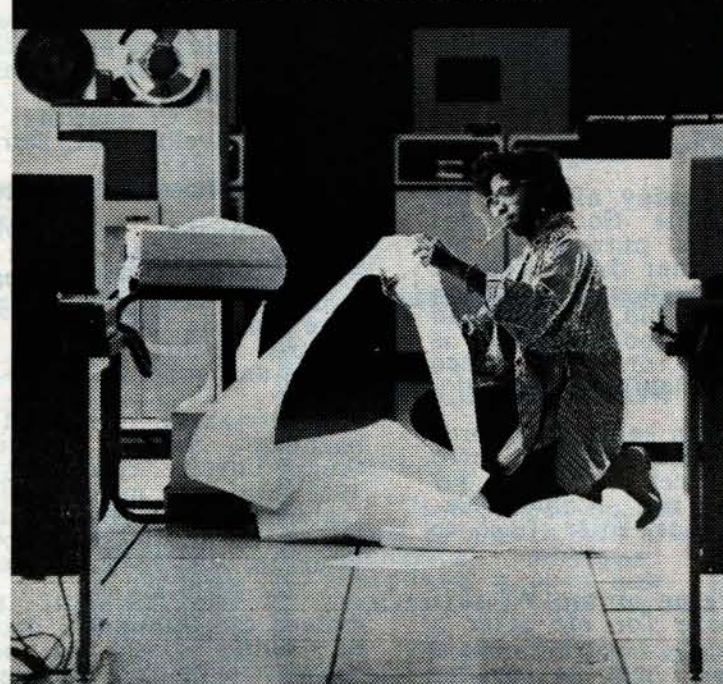
Iacino adds there's no way to choose a "safe" sex partner. Not everyone who carries the virus has AIDS, or is sick in any way.

"You could be standing next to the healthiest hunk, and he could be zero-positive (be exposed to and fighting the HIV virus). Meanwhile, he could infect you," Iacino says.

Still other schools--South Dakota, Oklahoma and Georgia, among them--used the week to announce they were proceeding with efforts to form campus-wide AIDS policies.

But sometimes the efforts fall short. A doctor at Minnesota's campus health clinic, for one, recently advised worried students to seek AIDS tests elsewhere, where their privacy could be assured.


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## OP-ED

## One Step Closer To Prohibition

By John Mongillo

## Paddy's Day.

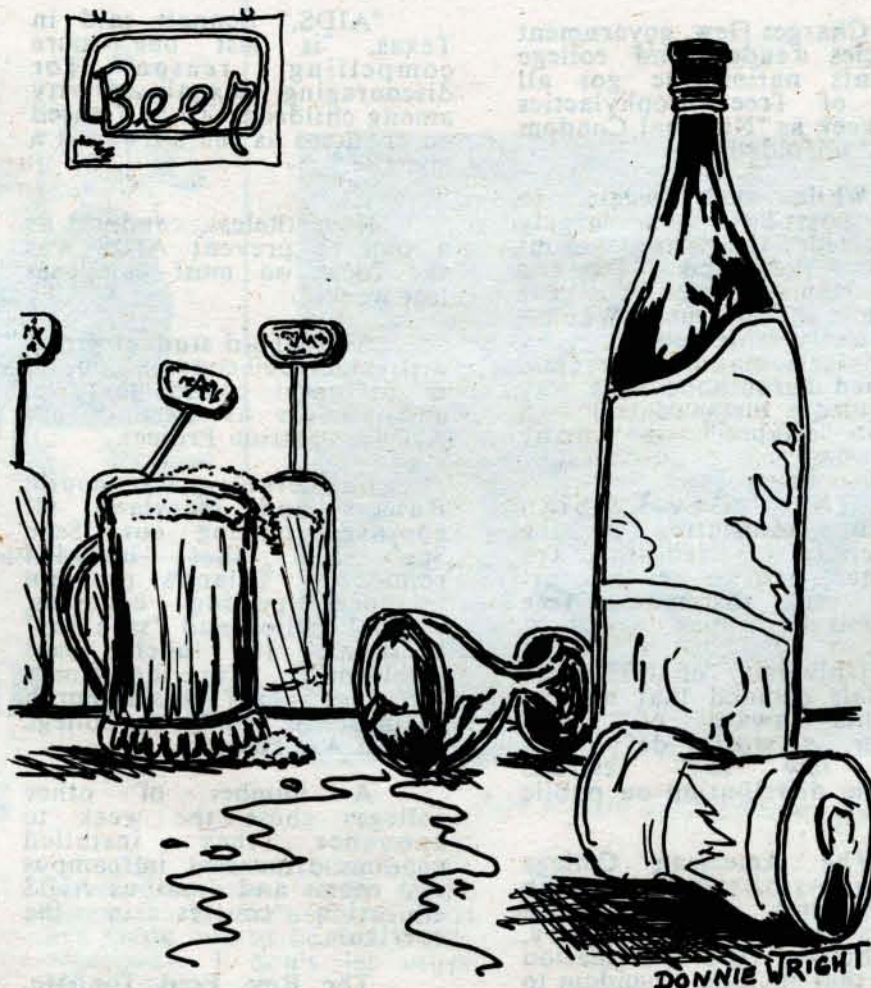
Grab yourself a beer and try to make some sense out of this gradual, ultra-conservative swing now happening in this great country of ours.

The topic, appropriately enough, is alcohol. Who's responsible for whom, and for what? Who's held liable for the alcohol related tragedies which occur each year? Nowadays it appears that almost everybody could be held responsible - at one time or another - for all those uneducated, or underage fools who abuse the drug.

Today, one can no longer throw an all-out, 1920-ish, wing-ding without taking the chance of being sued or possibly doing two-to-five in the state pen. A bartender working in a dimly lit, crowded joint must now pick up on the drunken subtleties of his customers. This is somewhat odd, too, because it is virtually impossible for a bartender to be 100% positive of who's drunk and who's not.

For openers, a bartender, (or the host of a party) would have to have tremendous overview - would almost have to be a mind reader. Why do I say this? Because I know people who can knock off a fifth of Jack on the rocks-look you straight in the eye, and tell you, in a very coherent and articulate manner, what the boys on Capitol Hill are truly up to. The point is simple. The bartender, as well as the institution, could be held responsible for the terrible actions of these drunks.

The mood of the country and the attitude of the courts is becoming more and more anti-socialization. Alcohol is looked at as evil, and is no longer kosher to serve it at social gatherings. At the college level drinking is on the wane. Fraternities are facing more lawsuits than ever before, and many colleges are simply doing away with it all together.



But, believe it or not, the real problem lies with the individual. The individual today, it seems, has more rights than an institution like a restaurant, or a college. The idea about families suing colleges and bars for personal tragedies is, a lot of times, absolutely ludicrous. More than half the time, these personal tragedies are the fault of the victim.

I must point out here that everybody should be responsible for his or her own actions. But instead we're all responsible for everybody else's actions. What the hell is that all about? Society shouldn't be this great, big babysitting service for foolish 18-year-olds, and drunken 56-year-olds.

Everybody talks about education, and that's fine because educating people about this subject is essential. We have all these programs,

and clinics, and groups which exist primarily to help individuals with alcohol related problems. Look around you. Education is all over the place.

However, social institutions can only help so much. It's time we start getting rid of these laws which place the blame on everybody but the victim, and create laws which say, "you're responsible - not the bar, or the restaurant, or the college."

Are we our brother's keeper? To some extent, yes, we surely are. Yet this "brother's keeper" idea is terribly blown out of proportion. Right this very moment I almost feel responsible for all those drunken idiots driving home from the pub.

Be responsible for yourself first, and others will be taken care of.

## Heart to Heart

Dear Readers,

There's a question I've been struggling with. I've been talking to others and trying to find answers within myself. Perhaps you have some thoughts about this too - or some of my thinking will be helpful to you.

It has to do with the difference between people-differences in age, race, religion, sex, culture, political beliefs, etc. It seems as though there is a phenomenon that exists in our world between people who are different from each other. Instead of acknowledging the differences and learning from each other - and actually expanding consciousness through the process - the opposite occurs.

Either people do not acknowledge the differences at all or find ways to dehumanize those who are different from them.

"They" - "those people" are sly, conniving, oversexed, irrational, weak, etc. There are gooks, kikes, Japs, chicks, hags, pinkos, fags, etc. It doesn't stop at name calling and stereotyping and jokes-oh no - we know that this hatred of others who are different has led and continues to lead human beings to the most hideous acts of violence.

And so I ask you why? Why the Holocaust? Why Wounded Knee? Why the lynchings? Why the rapings? Why?

It would be all too easy now to squirm in our chairs and say: "But this has nothing to do with me." "I'm not like that." "I'm not prejudiced." But I'm not willing to let myself or anyone else off the hook that easily.

How many of you have experienced the hurt of oppression and/or have recognized the hurt of being the oppressor? Been the butt of an ethnic joke? Used a derogatory term to describe a group of people or maybe not used it but thought it? Why?

To be continued in the next column.

Anyone wishing to write in with questions or reactions, please send them to Heart to Heart, Nancy Hood, c/o, Center for Counseling and Student Development, Dorm I, phone: Ext. 2124.

"Growing up, nobody gave me a hard time. It was nice having a body guard," Osmanski said. His father gave him the incentive to play football throughout high school and college.

Osmanski received a bachelor's degree in science from Loyola University in 1981, and is a member of the fraternity, Alfa Delta Gamma. He claims he didn't let college interfere with his education.

It wasn't until after college that Osmanski decided he didn't want to be a scientist. "I was a college kid with a dream, I guess I really didn't know what I was getting into," he said.

After holding various jobs, a friend of his asked him to video tape a basketball game for a cable program.

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## Americans Stop Speaking Chinese

By John Mongillo

The following piece contains the thoughts of a writer in desperate need of a Zombie, sleep, and a story.

3/12/87. Late evening. Senior Class Steak & Brew was a modest hit. Now, if I can get these damn stamp marks off my forehead... No need for the tape recorder tonight since formal interviews and pints of beer don't really mix.

Earlier today I noticed a sign outside the Student Union which may still read, "THERE WILL BE DAY EVENTS DURING SPRING WEEKEND!!" Strange. Last Wednesday (3/4/87) Director of Auxiliary and Student Activities Bill O'Connell told me that he and his student advisory board were leaning towards eliminating daytime events.

"Who the hell cares, why?" a student asked me, after hearing the news that day events would be held behind Nike during the

weekend of April 24th. "We have it. That's the bottom line."

Yeah, and I would love to believe Ronald Reagan is perfect, and the tooth fairy comes only at night - Tuesday nights. Sorry, though the process of education does not involve the immediate acceptance (or denial) of any issue - be it the idiosyncracies of the tooth fairy or what's happening in Washington, D.C.

Here's some background on how things were before change of minds and attitudes.

First of all, alcohol (because of liability insurance) major reason Spring Weekend was to be void of any daytime activities. Also there was general concern about past problems of Spring Weekends - garbage in the pond, burning couches, and mattresses. "How do I control

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## Osmanski &amp; Cable

By Wendy Powell

It's tuesday night at the Warren Cable Co. and Joe Osmanski is putting in his 24th hour that day. After a full days work at the station the 28 yr. old, 245 pound former RWC football player is preparing for a video production class he instructs.

Between spinning records at Val's Village Tavern three nights a week and 12 hour days at the Cable Co., Osmanski has little time to spare.

"Working at the VT is a good release for me after a full day's work," said Osmanski, "I get to see my friends and watch beautiful girls all night."

Osmanski was born in Chicago, Ill., but summered in Bristol at his parents summer home. His father is a former football player with the Chicago Bears.



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'Platoon' Is Shocking Reality

The Skin Of Our Teeth

Platoon has got to be the most powerful film I've seen this year. I walked in half expecting to see the right-wing Rambo, or Chuck Norris type film. I was dead wrong.

Platoon is the story of a combat unit stationed in Vietnam in 1968. The movie traces the experiences of this unit in the most realistic light I've seen. Most people have heard the nightmares of Vietnam, but this brings those nightmares to life on the screen.

The tension is perfectly built. The audience expects to see booby traps go off. The audience expects to see an ambush in the dead of night. The real art of this movie is when we're sure the tension is at its climax, when the audience expects something to happen, nothing does. It's when the audience relaxes, and when we breathe easier the disaster strikes.

That is why I praise this movie, the Vietnam combat soldier never knew what to expect, and that feeling is strongly conveyed to the audience.

There is no honor or glory in this film. Nobody cries "Remember the Alamo" or "Remember Pearl Harbor". These soldiers live in the mud, sometimes eaten alive by bugs, plagued with malaria and every other sickness imaginable. They don't do it for America, they just count the days until they go home.

There are no heroes or cowards in 'Platoon'. There are just men who are tired, angry, and scared. There are plenty of villains in this film, but amazingly the Viet-Cong is just a small one. The real villains are the American soldiers who kill innocent citizens, mostly women, cripples, and children because of their frustration.

If you have ever had an interest in Vietnam, ever wondered about the plight of the combat soldier in south east Asia, or if you have ever wanted to see a real war film, without the mock heroics and fabrications in the right-wing movies, go see 'Platoon'. You'll never want to see another war film again.

by D. Hanks

Friday, Feb. 27th was the opening night of Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth", a RWC Theatre Main Season production. "The Skin of Our Teeth" is a three-act comedy laced with philosophy about the human condition. The play didn't offer answers or explanations about men and women's struggle on earth but showed, in its own zany way, how everyday people endure.

Thornton Wilder chose the Antrobus family and their maid Sabina to represent mankind for the past few thousand years. Wilder introduced the Antrobus family with an announcer, who showed slides of the family and their home town in Excelsior, New Jersey. The announcer's voice was aptly done by Anne Gabbianelli.

In act one we the Antrobus family and their maid try to survive the ice age. This act was a little rough around the edges on opening night, but was held together by Kathy Lynn Casey, who portrayed Sabina. Her performance was energetic comic and professional. She lit up the stage in the first act and continued to shine throughout the play.

Jennifer Hines' (Mrs. Antrobus) performance was exaggerated, despite the farce contained in the first act; and Brian Olsen (Mr. Antrobus) could not maintain the character. Although they had difficulty in the first act, Mr. Olsen and Miss Hines improved in the second.

Unfortunately, in this act Jennifer Hines' and Brian Olsen's performances were weakened when they slipped in and out of character. But other performances kept the act going, including that of Todd Hannert who was an authentic stage manager, and Patrick Willdigg who came to life as the Antrobus' son Henry. His repressed and misplaced anger exploded believably.

"The Skin of Our Teeth" was a complex play to stage, but director Betsy Argo moved the large cast smoothly through three acts. The entire crew deserves special mention especially the assistant director Cindy Paiva and set and lighting designer Todd Hannert. The play was entertaining and fun as was proven by the audiences' enthusiastic applause at play's end. Wilder's comedy is instructive- a rare gift given by the playwright.

The second act, which portrayed the presidency of Mr. Antrobus, moved quickly. The timing was good, the costumes (Lisa Jo Thomas) were colorful, and there were quality performances given by all including: Laura Knight as the fortune teller, and Silsbee Biddle, Valerie Gamon and Debbie Coconis as the three performers on the Boardwalk. It was in the second act that Chrisi Gomes' portrayal of the daughter Gladys gave us its childish delight.

By the third act the Antrobus family had survived a seven year world war, and was back home in Excelsior.

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Cry

4 Sedate

9 Priest's vestment

12 Macaw

13 Worthless matter

14 Pronoun

15 Kettledrum

17 Lists of candidates

19 Emerald isle

21 Hint

22 Profuse talk

25 Repulse

29 Latin conjunction

30 Prying device

32 Memorandum

33 Negative

35 Cut

37 Label

38 Word of sorrow

40 Daughter of King Lear

42 A continent: abbr.

43 South American animal

45 To the side

47 Cloth measure

49 Unit of Italian currency

50 Pittsburgh football player

54 Seeps

57 That woman

58 Vegetable

60 Dine

61 Affirmative

62 Remuneration

63 Arid

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1 Before Sun.

2 Anglo-Saxon money

3 Place of confusion

4 Contends

5 Either's partner

6 Small amount

7 Heroic event

8 Happen again

9 Affirmative vote

10 Parcel of land

11 Public vehicle: colloq.

16 Spoken

18 Sharp

20 At no time

22 Pertaining to punishment

23 Coral island

24 Carouse

26 Vessel

27 Babylonian hero

28 Lawful

31 Royal

34 Chinese pagoda

36 Fixed portions

39 Pintail duck

41 Roman tyrant

44 Permit

46 Demolished

48 Singer Horne

50 Timid

51 Golf mound

52 Bitter vetch

53 Outfit

55 Organ of hearing

56 Pigpen

59 Faeroe Islands whirlwind

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ALMEIDA POOL

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"It has been opened and closed because it had a lot of mechanical problems, and everything is open now. It's running great," said Learned.

The plumbing and motors were replaced, two new filters were installed and a whole new heating system. New pipes cost about \$1,000.

The Almeida pool is open from 3pm - 9pm weekdays and noon 9pm on weekends. Lockers and exercise bikes are to be ordered.



# BRIEFS



## Campuses Still Doubt Aids

Despite all the free condoms passed out on American campuses last week, there is still some doubts students are listening to warnings about AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

"We're not seeing a reduction in the incidence of any of the other sexually transmitted diseases," reports University of Arizona Dr. Joy L. Greenway, who concludes students probably aren't using the condoms they're getting.

Students attitudes about sexuality and the dangers of AIDS—observers say, still seem to be forming, and some say they are frustrated with a lack of adequate information.

Real information about AIDS has been mixed with laymen's mythology and widely varying projections about who will get it, so that students can't tell whether the media have "overblown" the issue, or if it hasn't been conscientious enough.

"I'd like to see more information made available. I'd like to know the precise avenues of transmission, and how it can't be transmitted,

as well," says Ron Hurtibise, 22, a journalism student at the U. of Miami.

"Would a man have to have an open sore (to contract it from a woman)? I'd like to see that clarified. Perhaps the media left it purposefully unclarified so as not to offend any groups," Hurtibise muses.

At some campuses, attitudes about sex appear to be changing. Three of four men interviewed at Daytona Beach Community College said their views about sex relations had changed. The students, age 19 to 27, said campus one-night stands are less frequent.

The other 25 percent of the men said that although they'd read a lot about AIDS, they hadn't changed their sexual habits.

If his own habits have changed, it's "subconsciously, but not consciously," says Daytona student Rob Howie, 27.

He believes the media have "overblown" the AIDS issue, that it is "not as bad as it's made out to be. If I like somebody, I don't let other things worry me."

But other student, men and women, were more cautious, they said.

Daytona student Joe Pettit Jr., 19, says he's observed students "wait to get to know the person, rather than just ask their name once you've gotten to the hotel room."

"I think it's a bonus to get to know the person you're involved with," he adds.

"I'm personally not a very promiscuous person," says Daytona classmate Susanne Gaddis, 19. "I'm not sexually active, and the way things are going, I prefer to remain that way. This AIDS stuff really scares me to death."

Most of the students Debbie Stone Marks, who runs the AIDS testing program at Marquette University in Milwaukee, sees are equally scared.

Only about 20 students have come in for testing during two years, and they had "worried themselves sick." None tested positive for the AIDS virus.

In general, however, Marks believes Marquette students don't "perceive a big chance of getting AIDS."

There's been "no change" in campus sexual attitudes, reports Barbara Anderson, 22, editor of the student paper.

She adds Marquette was "probably not as open as public schools."

Last semester, the administration prevented the Progressive Students Organization from distributing birth control and condom literature, on campus, Anderson says.

The uproar leads some students to wax philosophical. "I think it's Mother Nature's way of telling us to slow down," observes Daytona's Gaddis. "Forget all the divorces; just stay with one person you're whole life."



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# BRIEFS

## CHINESE

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it (an event) outside? People are coming out of the dorms, out of the Union. I can't," O'Connell said. And so these were the issues which I was to base my story around: booze, and the struggle administrators and student leaders would have trying to contain the destructive actions of a few.

Friday the 13th. It's a little past noon. I've missed my deadline by 70 hrs. plus. Looks like this article about my involvement, communication, and people getting off their butts to do something is never going to materialize.

"You have to put something back into the college community," my notes read. I explained this idea to a friend once. But she just puffed on her cigarette and said, "Why should I?"

All over campus word was out about Spring Weekend. What? No local rhythm and blues bands? No barbecues? No riding motorcycles through the library? What the hell was going on, anyway. Surely, if a few people put their heads together there could be a Spring Weekend with day events and with the prohibition of booze. It was possible. Bob Geldof, the Irish rocker, raised around 100 million dollars for famine, so don't tell me it can't be done.

Anyhow, as the talk heated up I was in the process of missing my original deadline. One of my editors told me I could have a Wednesday morning extension.

The story was written by 1:30 pm. on Wednesday, March 11th. Late that evening Bill O'Connell and student leaders met to discuss the issue. And the following morning I was told that my story wasn't going to run. Why? Because there are going to daytime events.

Amazing what talking can bring about. A little talk here, a little discussing there- and things can happen. Attitudes can change. But the process, you see, is not to sit back with your tail between your legs, thumb in your mouth, and wondering what the hell went wrong.

A friend tells me, "Loving man. Loving woman. Both naked with strong desires. Yet, if they don't get INVOLVED, there's going

## OSMANSKI

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"He told me it would be easy, and I'd make a few bucks," said Osmanski. Before he knew it he was hooked.

He found himself hanging around the station and doing odd jobs and really liking it. Now Osmanski does everything from producing commercials to appearing in them, and he does most of the editing.

"I wanted to play football so enrolled at RWC," he said. Osmanski went back to school for business administration. Taking two classes a week he could still work his full-time job. RWC only lasted him one semester. "I felt too old," he said.

When last fall, RWC asked him if he would teach a class in video production, he was more than willing.

"I love the contact with the students," he said.

The only thing in his life Osmanski really want to change is his addiction to fast food. "You know it's getting out of hand when your on a first name basis with all the girls behind the counter of McDonalds."

*to be no CONGRESS - NO COMMUNICATION of sorts.* I don't really know what that means, but I think he's trying to tell me that it's important to get involved. A lot of times the problem is that no one wants to get involved.

It's now 2:30 pm. (I'm finally typing it up). One more para graph and a quote and then I'm off to practice some politics. The story, after all, MUST run.

Communication, of course, was the key in getting daytime events for Spring Weekend '87. Administrators and students started understanding English, instead of trying to speak Chinese. The student body made their feelings clearly known to student officials, and student officials along with the administration worked out a compromise. And everybody- simply by talking about the issue - played a part. I'm beginning to believe all this talk about student apathy is started by those people who aren't students at all.

"You've got to stand for something, or you're gonna fall for anything." - John Cougar Mellencamp.



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# SPORTS

## Men's V-Ball Finishes 1st Varsity Season

by Ann Pace

The RWC Men's Varsity Volleyball team has recently come to an end of the season with a record of 5-8, and 1-5 in their Division. Because the team didn't make the top two teams, they did not qualify for the playoffs. However, the team deserves quite a bit of credit.

Until this year, the team was only a club. Now that they are part of NECVL, they are considered a full fledged varsity team.

The Hawks entered the season with the majority of their players new and inexperienced. According to Coach Joel Dearing, "Over half the players just learned to play the game."

Sophomore Michael Palazzo says, "We usually start off really slow...but really get going after a while." Palazzo, one of the teams middle hitters refers to Dearing as, "An excellent coach who teaches almost olympic style."

The Hawks simply enjoy the matches whether they win or loose, and each member looks forward to some action on the court. John Kenney and Palazzo are the teams most experienced players, but there is a lot of team work and cooperation that is needed and wanted that helps them succeed.

"Palazzo," Dearing says, "Is the #1 attacker and the strongest net player...Kenney is the #1 setter and the most experienced and most skilled."

The men have high hopes for future seasons, yet as most teams, the Hawks feel a lot of pressure at games played away from home—where most of their problems come in. "It's cold and the courts are really unfamiliar," says one player. "It takes a while to warm up and get used to the crowd, but after a while we're all set and ready to play... and to win!"



Kevin Herrick

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## Men's B-Ball Shooting High

Kevin "Birds" Herrick is currently enjoying his second consecutive season as the leading scorer on the RWC men's varsity basketball team.

"He's the best all-around player on this season's team," said head coach Dwight Datcher.

Averaging 17 points a game, Herrick has been an important part of the team for the past 4 years.

"Kevin had contributed a great deal of excitement to the program," said Athletic Director Hector Massa.

When Herrick is not on the basketball court he can either be found refereeing intramural games for the athletic department or playing on the intramural football or softball teams.

Kevin Ridley is the leading 3-point-shooter on the RWC men's varsity basketball team.

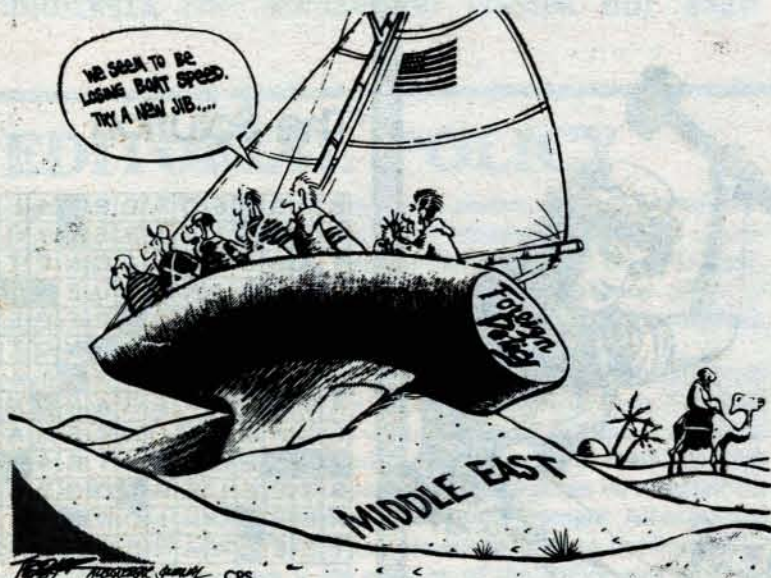
With 28 3-pointers and his quick tempo on the court, Ridley adds excitement to each game.

"He's one of the most exciting players coming off the bench," said head coach Dwight Datcher. "He's the best 3-point shooter to come through-RWC."

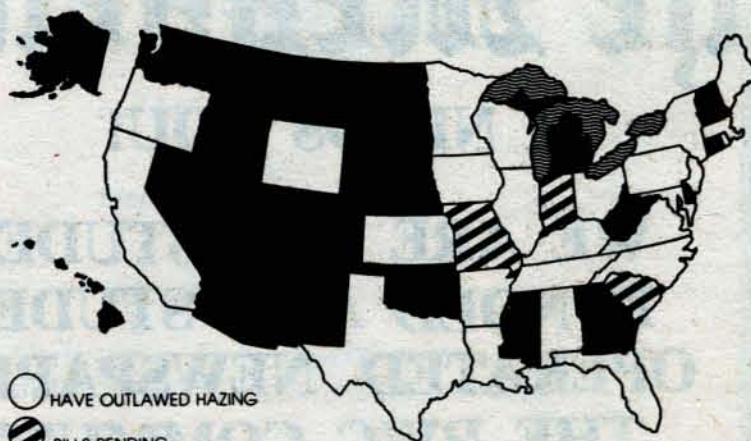
As Assumption College transfer, Ridley has played for the Hawks for 3 seasons and has left a record to be reckoned with.

Besides playing basketball, he plays on an intramural softball team at the College.

"Kevin has been a real credit to the program," said Athletic Director Hector Massa.



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